

Passed Jan. 20, 1835 *An act for the relief of the German Reformed and Lutheran Congregations of Salem Church, in Boonsborough, Washington county.*

Preamble

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, by the petition of sundry members of the German Reformed and Lutheran Congregations of Salem Church, in Boonsborough, Washington county, that the church regulations, adopted by the said congregations on the twelfth day of August, eighteen hundred and eighteen, in conformity with the provisions of the act of Assembly, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and two, chapter three, entitled, "an act to incorporate certain persons in every christian church or congregation in this State," do come in conflict with the provisions of the constitutions adopted by the synods of the respective churches above named; and whereas, the said members have petitioned for legislative aid, and it seems just and right that redress should be afforded them—Therefore:

Corporation created

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the elders and deacons of the German Reformed and Lutheran Congregation of Salem Church, in Boonsborough, Washington county, at present in office, together with such others as may be added to their number and their successors, be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The Vestries of Salem Church, in Boonsborough," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, may sue and be sued, and have and use a common seal, with power to purchase, receive and hold, they and their successors, any lands, tenements, rents, goods and chattels of what kind soever, which may be purchased, derived or given to them for the use of the said congregations, and to lease, rent, or otherwise dispose of the same in such manner as to them shall seem most conducive to the interest of the said congregations: *Provided,* that the said corporation shall not at any one time hold or possess property, real, personal, or mixed, exceeding in total value the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Title—object

Proceedings directed

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said congregations shall hold a joint ownership in the church property, the land and buildings of the said congregations, and that so long as they shall mutually hold the said property jointly, each congregation shall contribute an equal amount for all repairs